

Possible Efforts Intended to Improve
Community Capabilities to Provide
Intelligence Support in Critical Situations

1. Development of a DCI/NFIB policy on:

a. how the Community will organize to provide intelligence support in critical situations, particularly in crises, and

b. the responsibilities for contingency planning relative to designated situations.

Comments: Some of the questions to be addressed in developing such a policy are:

- o Should the DCI appoint an Intelligence Officer with overall responsibility for the production of national intelligence relevant to the situation?
- o What should be the scope of the intelligence problems that are to be considered as relevant to the situation?

- o Should the DCI explicitly assign responsibility for the production of national intelligence on each problem to the appropriate production element within the Community?
- o How should collection requirements in support of the various intelligence problems be developed, and more particularly, what should be the role of the National Intelligence Tasking Office in this process?
- o How should priority guidance for collection efforts be developed and transmitted to those who need it?
- o Should contingency planning be attempted for major critical situations, e.g. crises, that can be anticipated?
- o If so, what might it usefully encompass?

2. Development of a basic operations plan, i.e. one of general application to major critical situations, governing the conduct of intelligence support.

3. Development of contingency operations plans for designated situations.

4. Critique of any intelligence support efforts occasioned by major critical situations to determine how the policy, the basic operations plan and the approach to contingency planning ought to be modified.